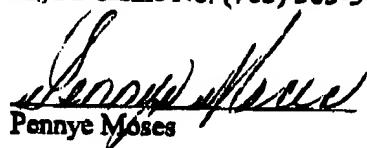


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AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the above-identified application for U.S. patent as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 15 and add new claims 16 - 18 as follows, and cancel, without prejudice, currently pending independent claims 13 and 14:

(13)(CANCEL)

Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice.